



On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama. ARRA provides increased support to several existing federal programs administered by states, creates new programs such as the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, and offers opportunities for states to apply for competitive grant programs.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's significant investment in North Carolina totaled almost \$19.5 billion, including assistance for those needing help the most through increases in unemployment benefits, Medicaid payments, and food stamps. In addition to those expanded services, ARRA gives hundreds of thousands of working North Carolinians a break through tax credits like the *Making Work Pay* tax credit and the *First Time Homebuyer's* tax credit.

The Recovery Act is not like earlier attempts to revive the nation's economy. It is not only a one-time infusion of federal funds; instead it is a long-term effort to restore economic expansion in the short-term, as well as prepare the nation's economy for stable, healthy long-term growth. Under the terms of the Recovery Act, support for North Carolina's economy will include both investments made directly by the federal government and investments of federal funds that are made under the oversight of the North Carolina state government.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Report, Sampson County

Sampson County received more than \$xx million in ARRA funding in grants, loans, and bonds. The following report outlines the various funding categories that contributed to the Sampson County total.



Pell Grant Awards:
906



Small Business Jobs:
100

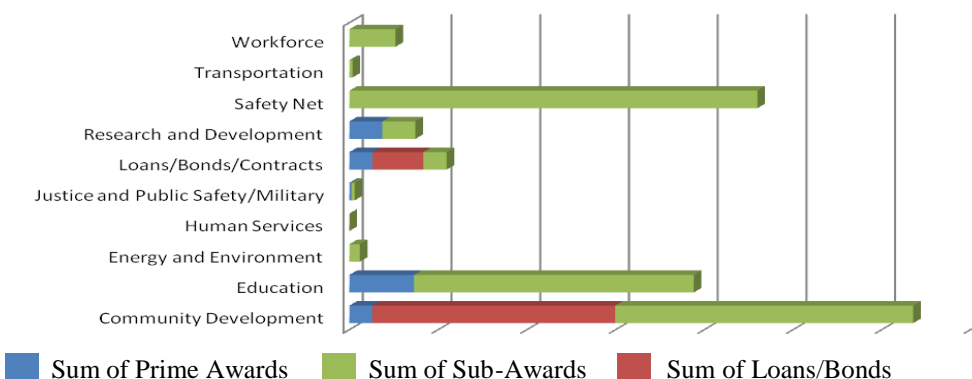


Appliances rebated:
101



Family homes financed:
28

Sampson County Totals



Sampson County,
pop 63,431 at a glance:

Recovery Act Totals:

Grants: \$45,758,614

Loans: \$16,575,215

Total: \$62,333,829



Education

The Recovery Act placed a special emphasis on maintaining education funding. Governor Beverly Perdue furthered this commitment by pledging additional recovery funds from the Recovery Act to education, and leading North Carolina to additional funds by winning \$400 million in the Race to the Top program.

Most of the ARRA education funds are distributed to local schools through existing funding formulas. Special Education Funds and Title I funds go to schools based on eligible student enrollment. State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) and the EduJobs grants were designed to hold schools harmless during the recession, and were distributed to public and charter schools. The school systems have spent the majority of the funds on staff and support. Some projects, such as Race to the Top, will be spent for purchasing products and services rather than salaries for staff.

Authorization for low/no interest bonds for school construction/renovation followed the Department of Public Instruction procedures with initial allotments to the school systems. If a school system could not utilize their allotment, it was released to other school systems that could utilize additional allotments.

Sampson County schools received \$15.3 million in education funding, including \$2.6 million in Special Education funds, \$2.5 million in Title I funds, \$6.8 million in SFSF funds, and \$1.5 million in Race to the Top funding.

Pell Grants are an educational Assistance Program that provides grants to eligible students to receive post-secondary or vocational training. Because Pell Grants are not student loans, they allow students to receive financial assistance to further education and training without incurring additional debt. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act increased the eligibility and the maximum amount of Pell Grants in 2009 and 2010 as a way to encourage educational opportunities, and to provide a way for eligible applicants to gain new job skills.

In Sampson County, Sampson Community College had 906 students funded by Pell Grants; these grants were worth more than \$1.6 million.



Family Assistance

The Federal Department of Agriculture increased funding to their Single-Family home program with the ARRA. These resources assisted families in achieving the American Dream of home ownership through direct financial assistance (grants) or credit (loan guarantees). This program pumped more than \$729 million into North Carolina, providing assistance to more than 5,400 families.

In Sampson County, 28 families received assistance through this program totaling more than \$2.8 million.

The Department of Energy created the Energy Star Appliance rebate program to help stimulate the economy by incentivizing the purchase of new, more energy efficient appliances, and helping consumers by providing long-term savings from their utility bills. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce managed the program insuring North Carolina residents and retailers received the maximum benefit from this opportunity. North

Carolina retailers sold more than 25,500 new energy efficiency appliances through this program, and North Carolina residents will enjoy energy savings for years to come. The program was so successful, that the State Energy Office reprogrammed additional funding to provide discounts to everyone participating in the program, bringing the total program value from \$8 up to \$10 Million.

Sampson County retailers sold 101 appliances through the Energy Star Appliance rebate program.



Small Business Assistance

The ARRA provided tax breaks, increased depreciation of business assets, and incentives for hiring for small businesses through the tax law changes found in Part B of the Act. The Recovery Act also established direct aid programs through the federal Small Business Administration (SBA) and US Department of Agriculture (USDA). These programs provided grants, loans and loan guarantees to grant small businesses access to much-needed operational credit during 2009 and 2010.

In Sampson County, 1 small business received an SBA loan guarantees worth \$70,000. According to the small business receiving this loan, the Recovery Act saved or created 100 jobs.



Farm Assistance

The Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program is administered by the Farm Services Administration in the federal Department of Agriculture, which provides assistance to farmers suffering crop losses due to natural disasters. To qualify for the program a farm must have lost at least 10% of one crop during a natural disaster in a declared disaster county, or lost 50% of a crop during a disaster in a non-disaster county. North Carolina farmers received more than \$9 million in total payments under the ARRA-Funded SURE Program.

In Sampson County, \$929,886 was received in assistance to farmers because of crop loss to natural disasters.



CARS Program

The Car Allowance Rebate Program (CARS), more widely known as the 'Cash-for-Clunkers' program, provided an incentive for drivers of older, energy inefficient vehicles to upgrade to new cars. This program also provided a large economic impact in North Carolina, and North Carolina dealers received more than 18,000 trade-in vehicles through this program. North Carolina Car Dealers sold more than \$400,000,000 worth of new cars (recommended MSRP) through the CARS program. North Carolina drivers will save 172,130 miles per gallon through cars purchased through this program.

In Sampson County, car dealers sold 61 cars worth \$1.3 million through the ARRA CARS program.



Justice and Public Safety Programs

ARRA increased funding to the federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grants Program (JAG). JAG funds were awarded both as a formula allocation to the State, for \$34.5 million, and grants distributed by the Governor's Crime Commission to various local governments and entities. In addition, \$21,853,798 went to 216 local governments across the state for various purposes in line with the requirements of the act. Finally, there is a federal competitive portion that was open to state or local government applicants.

In Sampson County, the Sampson County Government, and the Town of Clinton received JAG program grants to support public safety. These grants were worth more than \$120,000.



Environment and Natural Resources Programs

ARRA funded several programs to protect the environment, or to develop natural resources more efficiently. These programs ranged from environmental clean-up, such as leaking underground storage tank abatement and Brownfields programs, to EPA clean air grants, wildfire prevention grants, and revolving funds to build, expand, or overhaul existing water and sewer programs. These programs provided nearly \$150 million across North Carolina.

In Sampson County, the Town of Clinton received a drinking water grant for \$300,000.



Safety Net Programs

Safety net programs are the category of ARRA funding that consists of programs designed to help populations made particularly vulnerable by the economic crisis. These generally include increases in existing programs, most notably the increase in both benefit level and duration of unemployment payments. Increases in the amount and duration of unemployment payments makes up the largest chunk of safety net programs funded through the Recovery Act, totaling more than \$3.5 billion statewide over more than two years. Safety net programs such as unemployment insurance and SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps), not only benefit the recipient, but have a proven economic impact on a community.

Sampson County residents received \$14.9 million in Unemployment Insurance increases during the 2 ½ year ARRA benefits increase. County residents also received \$4.8 million in SNAP benefit increases, and \$3.2 million in one-time payments of \$250 to social security recipients.

Sampson County received more than \$193,891 for Head Start Programs.

Sampson County Feature Story

Sampson County Builds for the Future of Education Using Recovery Opportunities

The Federal Department of Agriculture Rural Development's Community Facilities Program helps finance essential community facilities for public use in rural areas. The Community Facilities Program provides loans, grants, and loan guarantees for a variety of community selected high-impact projects, such as water and environmental projects, as well as community facilities projects. These facilities include childcare centers, hospitals, medical clinics, assisted-living facilities, fire and rescue stations, police stations, community centers, public buildings and transportation. Through this program, USDA ensures that such facilities are available to all rural residents. These funds are available to public bodies, non-profit organizations and federally recognized Indian tribes. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act increased funding for this program, giving the green light to many long-awaited and much needed local investments.



"These Recovery Act projects not only provide needed infrastructure in rural communities, they contribute to the Obama administration's continued efforts to create quality jobs," Tom Vilsack, Secretary of the USDA said. "The Recovery Act is working. These projects, and others like them, are contributing to restore the American economy while improving the quality of life in towns and small cities throughout the country."



Community Facilities grant and loans are used to fund a wide array of projects. Sampson County took advantage of the historic opportunity presented in the Recovery Act's increase of funding to secure low-interest loans to build a new elementary school. Sampson County received a \$12.4 million low-interest loan and a \$440,000 grant to construct C.E. Perry Elementary School in Roseboro, NC.

The new elementary school has been in the works for several years, with the USDA's initial loan of \$7 million through the Community Facilities program approved in 2005. With the advent of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the USDA was able to provide an additional \$5.4 million loan and the \$440,000 grant needed to begin work on the much-needed new elementary school.

The green light on the project was given in September 2010. Groundbreaking for the new school was in November 2010. By the end of 2010, construction plans had been approved, construction manager selected, and the final construction costs were developed. Construction on C.E. Perry has begun and is currently on schedule. As of mid 2011, approximately 32% of the site work was completed. The new school has a projected completion date of 12/2011.

Appendix, Sampson County breakout

Federal Agency	Program Title	Recipient name	Recipient role ⁱ	Prime Amount ⁱⁱ	Unique Sub Awards ⁱⁱⁱ	Loans	Additional Economic Activity (not counted toward totals) ^{iv}
	Bonds		P			\$0.00	
	Cash for Clunkers		S		\$261,500.00		
	Federal Pell Grant Program	Sampson Community College	P				
	Very Low to Moderate Income Housing Loans - Guaranteed	Individuals	L			\$2,860,715.00	
Administration for Children and Families	ARRA - Early Head Start	A Travel Odyssey	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$1,737.60
		Allcare Uniforms	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$1,918.72
		Allstate Fire Protection	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$204.33
		Amerias	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$27.82
		Amerikit Technology	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$480.00
		Autry Paint And Outside Washing	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$3,960.00
		B&b Fence Company	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$9,500.00
		BP	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$244.04
		Butler's Plumbing	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$105,829.13
		Cape Fear Propane	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$1,204.70
		Capital Office Supply	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$8,329.23
		Carolina Thomas LLC	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$63,885.00
		CDW G-Computer Centers	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$639.79
		Clinton Mechanical Contractor	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$1,336.23
		Clinton Toyota	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$27,084.00
		Clinton Urgent Care	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$55.00
		Cluster "b"	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$43.35
		Coeco Office Systems	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$808.13
		Cornerstone Eap	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$151.29
		Council For Early Childhood	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$274.42
		David Sinclair Heating And Air	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$304.00
		Dolly Frye Lane	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$5,600.00
		Do-Right Dudley Carpet And Flooring	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$9,490.08

	Earl Bullock	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,150.00
	Ehs Nrc At Zero To Three	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,460.00
	Electromatic Burglar Alarm	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$179.00
	Faith Academy Day Care	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,704.00
	Gaylord National Resorts	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,194.56
	Ge Capital	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$235.47
	Gulf South Medical Supplies	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,049.38
	Hi-Tech Enterprises	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,327.78
	Hobart	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,032.73
	Holiday Inn Crabtree	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$299.84
	Indoff Incorporated	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,629.39
	Information Technology	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23.49
	International Minute Press	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,824.49
	Jacobi-Lewis	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$457.63
	James Sprunt Community College	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$341.95
	Jerry Hudson Electric	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,225.00
	Kaplan School Supply Corp.	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$162,728.58
	Kennedy Office Supplies	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,666.12
	Le Blue Water	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.55
	Lora Mach Jones	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$592.40
	Lowe's	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,154.68
	M&g Sign And Awning	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,313.62
	M&r Carpet	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$406.00
	Mar-Cel Company	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,487.94
	Market Space Solutions	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,041.44
	Mckesson Medical	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,788.18
	Melton's Mechanical	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,635.00
	National Head Start Assoc	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$102.00
	Nationwide Testing	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$52.12
	NC Sound Of Goldsboro	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,461.42
	Nchsa	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,777.00
	Oliver And Oliver	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,925.00
	Pate-Derby Co	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,477.88
	Patricia Colon	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$760.00
	Paul Brooks Publishing	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,367.72
	Pet Dairy	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,009.88

		Piedmont Natural Gas	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,059.92
		Piggly Wiggly	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,974.87
		Plak Smaker	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$976.25
		Positive Promotions	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$406.75
		Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc.	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,317.94
		Raleigh Marriott	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,060.02
		Red-E Set Grow	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,252.30
		Region Iv Head Start Assn.	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$42.50
		Rondell Bennett	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,400.00
		Rose Mini Storage	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$860.00
		Sampson Community College	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,654.93
		Sampson County Partnership For Children	P	\$1,453,467.00	\$0.00	\$1,453,467.00
		Sampson, County Of	P	\$2,025,677.00	\$0.00	\$2,025,677.00
		School Health Corporation	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$117.88
		Sharp Business Systems	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
		Skippers Restaurant	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$711.85
		Southern Block Company	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$579.16
		Southern Style Bbq	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$247.00
		Sparkles Inc	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,080.79
		Speech And Language	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
		Tarheel Grading And Paving	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$141,500.00
		Taylor And Sanderson	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,577.68
		Tele-Acoustics Charlotte	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,570.60
		Temporary Connections	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$47,237.14
		United Parcel Service	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
		Us Postal Service	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$612.00
		Vanguard Modular Building	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$21,196.08
		Von Langston	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,549.15
		Wal-Mart	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,043.07
		Waste Management	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$297.57
		Williamson Mini Construction	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,349.69
	ARRA - Head Start	Sampson, County Of	P	\$167,733.00	\$0.00	\$167,733.00
		Weather Proofing Tech	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,157.52
Assistant	Native American	Coharie Intra	P	\$231,860.00	\$0.00	\$231,860.00

Secretary for Public and Indian Housing	Housing Block Grants (Formula) Recovery Act Funded	Tribal Council Inc					
Department of Agriculture	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Multiple Individuals	S		\$4,805,252.88		
Department of Health and Human Services	Aging Congregate Nutrition Services for States	Sampson County Department On Aging	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Aging Home-Delivered Nutrition Services for States	Sampson County Department On Aging	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Department of Justice	Recovery Act - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program / Grants To Units Of Local Government	Clinton, City Of	P	\$41,362.00		\$0.00	\$41,362.00
				\$10,050.00		\$0.00	\$10,050.00
				\$10,554.00		\$0.00	\$10,554.00
		Market Space Solutions	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$58,212.00
		Sampson, County Of	P	\$59,410.00		\$0.00	\$59,410.00
Department of Labor	Unemployment Insurance	Multiple Individuals	S		\$14,926,306.96		
Environmental Protection Agency	Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Funds	Clinton, City Of	S	\$0.00	\$304,031.00	\$0.00	
Federal Highway Administration	No CFDA for Contract type awards	E S & J Enterprises, Inc.	P	\$1,304,442.75		\$0.00	\$1,304,442.75
Federal Transit Administration	Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas	Sampson, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$175,226.00	\$0.00	
Food and Nutrition Service	Child Nutrition Discretionary Grants Limited Availability	Sampson County School District	S	\$0.00	\$38,873.24	\$0.00	
Health Resources and Services Administration	ARRA - Grants to Health Center Programs	Goshen Medical Center, Inc.	P	\$1,858,635.00		\$0.00	\$1,858,635.00
Idaho Operations Office	Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (EEARP)		P			\$0.00	\$24,750.96
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education	Education Technology State Grants, Recovery Act	Sampson County School District	S	\$0.00	\$111,411.56	\$0.00	
	State Fiscal	Clinton City	S	\$0.00	\$1,704,278.00	\$0.00	

	Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Education State Grants, Recovery Act	Schools					
		Sampson Community College Foundation, Inc.	S	\$0.00	\$364,634.78	\$0.00	
		Sampson County School District	S	\$0.00	\$4,788,339.00	\$0.00	
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grants, Recovery Act	Clinton City Schools	S	\$0.00	\$460,361.00	\$0.00	
		Sampson County School District	S	\$0.00	\$1,120,228.00	\$0.00	
	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies, Recovery Act	Clinton City Schools	S	\$0.00	\$798,711.00	\$0.00	
		Sampson County School District	S	\$0.00	\$1,723,344.00	\$0.00	
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services	Special Education - Preschool Grants, Recovery Act	Clinton City Schools	S	\$0.00	\$25,982.00	\$0.00	
		Sampson County School District	S	\$0.00	\$76,130.00	\$0.00	
	Special Education Grants to States, Recovery Act	Clinton City Schools	S	\$0.00	\$660,744.00	\$0.00	
		Sampson County School District	S	\$0.00	\$1,936,071.00	\$0.00	
Rural Housing Service	Community Facilities Loans and Grants		P	\$0.00		\$47,500.00	\$47,500.00
				\$56,000.00		\$0.00	\$56,000.00
			PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$47,500.00
				\$0.00		\$0.00	\$56,000.00
		Barnhill Contracting Company	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$860,517.28
		Benjamin Lee Wright	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$327,882.27
		Century Link	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$45,535.00
		Clinton, City Of	P	\$0.00		\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
				\$455,000.00		\$0.00	\$455,000.00
		Coastal Carolina Research	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$3,016.42
		Daughtry, Woodard,	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$1,667.50

		Lawrence, And Starling				
		Fayetteville Observer	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$124.68
		First Run Repographics	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,601.25
		Froehling & Robertson	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,641.73
		Heartland Publications	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,243.87
		Mccullen Group, Inc	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$825.00
		Neuse Appraisal Services	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
		News And Observer	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$187.71
		Owen Surveying	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,520.00
				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27,560.89
		Roseboro, Town Of	P	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
				\$0.00	\$257,000.00	\$0.00
		S&me	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,800.00
				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,100.00
		Sampson County Inspections	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,278.19
		Sampson, County Of	P	\$440,000.00	\$0.00	\$440,000.00
				\$0.00	\$7,000,000.00	\$7,000,000.00
				\$0.00	\$5,400,000.00	\$5,400,000.00
		Sfl+a Architects	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$596,194.04
		Tharrington Smith Attorneys	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,839.66
		The Wooten Company	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$147,585.66
		Wilbur Smith Associates	PV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,655.00
Small Business Administration	Loans	Harrison & Taylor Associates I	L		\$10,000.00	
SSA	Social Security Economic Recovery Act Payments	Multiple Individuals	P	\$3,263,000.00		
Grand Total				\$8,214,190.75	\$37,544,424.42	\$16,575,215.00
						\$24,712,116.62

ⁱ Recipient Role are as follows: P is a prime recipient; S is a Sub-recipient; PV is a vendor to a prime recipient; SV is a vendor to a sub-recipient; L is a loan recipient.

ⁱⁱ Prime Amounts are unique prime awards within a county. These are entities who have received funding directly from a federal agency, and are required to report directly to www.federalreporting.gov

ⁱⁱⁱ Unique Sub Awards are amounts that flow into a county from a source that is NOT directly from a Federal Agency. Generally these are funds awarded to the North Carolina State Government that have been directed to a local source.

^{iv} Additional Economic Activity are economic activity attributable to a previous funding category. They may be a sub award by a prime recipient within a county, or a contract funded by one of the previous three columns. This economic activity is not counted toward the county total.